Based on reports furnished by these agenices, in cases where the imported fertilizers do not meet the specifications, action in accordance with the provisions of the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 read with the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (ECA), is taken. Besides, in case of urea, which is under Government control, penalty is also imposed on suppliers in accordance with prescribed guidelines. Recently, 11736 MTs of urea discharged from vessel "Sea Venus" at Sagour port was found to be deficient in terms of the particle size specifications. Notice for im-position of penalty has been issued to the canalising agency in this case. In case of other fertilizers covered under the Adhoc Concession Scheme, concession is not admissible on non-standard fertilizers.

The existing provisions of the FCO are adequate. These provisions are, however, reviewed and amended from time to time on need-based considerations,

Administrative Pattern of KVS

1417. SHRI GOVINDRAM MlRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether KVS follows the adminis-trative pattern of the Central Govern-ment with regard to powers and duties of Superintendents and analogous cadres;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that powers of Superintendents posted in (1) Kendriya Vidyalayas and (ii) Headquarters and Regional Offices of KVS are different with regard to Annual Confidential Reports; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) powers and duties assigned to various officers depend on the nature of work handled by them.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The powers of writing Annual Confidential Reports depend on the hierarchy of officers and channel of Supervision in each set-up

विकलांगों को रेल किरायें में रियायत दिया जाना

1418. प्रो॰ राम बक्ष सिंह वर्मा: क्या रेल यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विकलांगों को रेल किरायें में 75 प्रतिशत रियायत दी जाती है;

(ख) क्या यह रियायत सभी श्रेणियों में दी जाती है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि विकलांगों को राजधानी एवं शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस रेल गाड़ियों के किराये में कोई रियायत नहीं दी जाती है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है;

(च) क्या सरकार शताब्दी एवं राजधानी एक्सप्रेस रेल गाड़ियों के किराये में विकलांगों हेतु कोई रियायत देने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(छ) यदि हां, तो यह रियायत कब तक दे दिये जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगपाल महाराज): (क) जी हां। विकलांग व्यक्तियों को केवल प्रथम, द्वितीय एवं स्लीपर क्लास में 75% की रियायत दी गई है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) विभिन्न तर्कों के कारण वा. कू. श्रेणियों में किसी भी कोटि के व्यक्ति को रियायत नहीं दी गई है। बहरहाल, चूंकि प्रथम श्रेणी के सवारी डिब्बों को वा.कू. 2-टियर स्लीपर सवारी डिब्बों में बदला जा रहा है, ये सभी व्यक्ति, जो प्रथम श्रेणी में रियायत प्राप्त करने के पात्र हैं, प्रथम श्रेणी के रियायती किराए और दोनों श्रेणियों के वास्तविक किराए के अंतर का भुगतान करके वातानुकूलित 2-टियर श्रेणी में यात्रा कर सकते हैं।

(घ): जी, हां।

(ङ) राजधानी/शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियां सेवा की बेहतर गुणवत्ता और अधिक किराए वाली सहित विशेष कोटि की गाड़ियां है। राजधानी/शताब्दी गाड़ियों की परिचालन/अनुरक्षण लागत भी तुलनात्मक रूप से

अधिक है। इसलिए इन गाड़ियों में पूर्ण किराया देने वाले यात्रियों के लिए स्थान की व्यवस्था की जाती है और किसी भी कोटि के व्यक्तियों को कोई रियायत नहीं दी गई है।

(च) जी, नहीं।

(छ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Target for Growth of Agriculture

1419. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the growth of Agriculture during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) how far these targets have been acheived; and

(c) what are the reasons for slow down in the growth rate of agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA): (a) The target set for the growth of gross domestic product in agriculture during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-%, which is a segment of the overall Eighth Plan period i.e. 1992-93 to 1996-97, is 3.1 per cent per annum.

(b) and (c) The average growth of gross domestic product in agriculture sector during these years is estimated to be 3.53 per cent per annum which is higher than the target.

Role of National Fertilizers LTD

1420. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Fertilizers Limited is a natural importer of urea or is a unit to manage fertilizer production units in the country;

(b) if it is a unit to manage fertilizer production units in the country, what is the reason for venturing into import of urea all of a sudden since 1994; and

(c) where is the origin of this idea in the whole set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (c) M/s. National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) is engaged in production of fertilizers. The urea imported on Government account till 1994-95 was entirely canalised through M/s. MMTC Ltd. During Rabi 94-95 when MMTC was unable to deliver required quantities of urea, a decision was made in October '94 to give adhoc allocation to some of the public sector fertilizer under-takings, which included National Fertilizers Ltd., to supplement the efforts of MMTC. Later in 1995-96, the Government decided to have more than one agency for procurement of urea and inducted NFL and three other companies as canalising agencies for import of urea besides MMTC.

Women benefited from Rashtriya Manila Kosh in Gujarat

1421. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOL-ANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women benefited from the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 in each district of Gujarat, with details thereof;

(b) whether Government have formulated long-term strategies to increase the various variety-wise activities of the Kosh during the next three years to cover maximum number of women of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, District-wise; and

(d) the criteria adopted for providing the financial assistance from Kosh to each woman or women organisation?